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A detective from the police Forensic Science Laboratory examines a white Morris car alleged to have been used by bandits who robbed Williams-town Naval Dockyards of a \$13,000 payroll last Thursday. A man was being interviewed at Russell Street Police Headquarters about the hold-up when this issue of the STAR went to press.

Jones predicts 'big changes'

"The Fraser Government's economic policies constituted a massive threat to unemployment in Melbourne's western suburbs," Labor candidate for Lalor, Mr. Barry Jones, said last Friday.

Speaking at a political rally at the Finnish Hall in Altona, Mr. Jones said it was essential to find "both short and long-term solutions to the unemployment problem."

"Labor's abolition of payroll tax and the provision of employment sub-

sidy schemes are valuable first steps to restoring full employment," he said.

Mr. Jones said there are big changes coming in Australia's manufacturing industries.

"With half the west's workforce in these industries, these changes will be acutely felt

here," he said.

"The restructuring of industry while preserving high employment is the greatest task facing any Australian government," he said.

"It's essential governments recognise and are prepared for these changes.

"If they don't, market forces will. And market forces are going to be much less merciful than governments."

SNAKES STILL A MENACE AT PAISLEY

Tiger snakes are continuing to be a menace to residents near the Paisley Housing Commission site.

Mrs. Betty McCullagh, who lives next door to the site, in Abbeygate Street, Altona North, has found three more of the snakes in her backyard since the Altona Star article about the Paisley snake danger two weeks ago.

Mrs. McCullagh said she had now found eight tiger snakes in her backyard in the past two months.

"Most of the snakes have been 2-3 ft. long, but the last two I found were just babies, about a foot long," she said.

"I'm just worried that this might mean that they have been breeding and we'll soon be getting a new batch of them.

"It really is getting too much for me," she added.

Mr. McCullagh said she had sent a petition to the Housing Commission, signed by residents of Abbeygate Street.

"The area has got to be entirely cleared if we are to get rid of the snakes," she said.

Meanwhile, about a mile away in John Street, Altona North, another

snake problem seems to have been temporarily solved by Altona Council.

Last month residents from the street sent a petition to the council asking for the long grass to be cleared from vacant blocks in the area.

Cr. Les Crofts described the area as a fire hazard and also tiger-snake country.

One of the residents, Mrs. A. Galeano, said that neighbours had spotted about eight snakes in the area, which is next to the banks of Kororoit Creek.

However she said that since the council workers had cleared the blocks a few weeks ago, not one snake had been seen.

Hall to scouts?

The Fourth Altona Scout Group and Altona Council are in the middle of a battle with "red tape" to get a scout hall built at the corner of Rankin and Linnet streets.

As far back as October 13, 1970, the Altona council agreed "in principle" to

reserve land in Rankin Street for a scout hall.

land they must obtain a land use permit.

However more recently the Local Government Department advised the council that it didn't have the power to reserve land for scouting purposes.

The department added however that there was nothing to stop the council from leasing the land to the scout group.

So the council leased the land to the scouts.

Unfortunately there is more red tape — before the scouts can build on the

At its last meeting Altona Council agreed to a land use application being made.

The application must now be submitted to the Town and Country Planning Board, and it is expected that it will take until at least February next year before a land use permit is considered.

In the meantime, the Fourth Altona Scout Group will continue to meet at the old tennis pavilion in Fresno Street.

ALTONA MAN DIES IN BOATING TRAGEDY

An Altona North man died in a boating mishap off the coast of New South Wales on Sunday morning.

Killed was Mr. William John Turner, a resident of Hatherley Grove, Altona North, for the past 15 years.

Before that Mr. Turner, 59, had lived all his life in Footscray.

Mr. Turner's son, William jnr., said that his father, a keen fisherman, had gone up to the New South Wales coast with his son-in-law.

"We're still not sure how he died — whether he just slipped off the boat and drowned, or had a heart attack first," he said.

Mr. Turner had been employed by the Gas and Fuel Association for five years.

Before that he had worked as a builders' laborer for 20 years with Footscray contractors, Barnes and Son.

Mr. Turner was a former member of the Footscray Bowling Club.

A funeral service will be held at Nelson Brothers Chapel, Footscray, on Thursday, at 11 am.

Mr. Turner is survived by his wife, Louise, and children, Mavis, Pat, William (Bill), Mary, Roy, John, Ron and June.

'Chub Club' celebrates

The Altona Chub Club had good reason to celebrate last Wednesday.

The occasion was the weight control club's first graduation ceremony in its 18-month history.

In weight control terms a graduate is somebody who successfully cuts his/her weight down to what is regarded as the correct proportion for his/her height.

The club's treasurer, Mrs. G. O'Connor, said the graduate, who shall remain nameless, had lost more than a stone since joining the club.

"She is the club's first graduate, but she'll probably keep coming to the club just to make sure she doesn't put it back on again," she said.

The club started out with only six members in June, 1976, but has

now grown to about 24 members.

"Our basic aim is much the same as other weight control groups, but we're much cheaper than most," she claimed.

"We just try and put a little fun into losing weight, rather than make it sound like a chore."

The club has finished for the year but will start up again in February next year and will meet every Wednesday at the Cresser Street Primary School.

Cost is \$1 per year and 20 cents a weigh-in.

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Woman who loves kids

This Friday will probably be one of the saddest days of Miss Ivy McGowan's life.

That's the day she retires as director of the Altona Baptist kindergarten, Sargood Street — a job that she has held for 26 years.

Of course, it has been much more than a job for Miss McGowan.

She admits to loving children and that they, in turn, seem to love her.

"Yes I feel a bit sad about it," she told me, at the same time motioning me to sit down on one of the tiny seats, usually reserved for the under-fives.

"But all along I knew the day would come when I would have to pack it in," she said.

"I've worked here for 26 years in all. I started after the war and we went for 10 years, then we closed down because the hall was in disrepair, but we started up again in 1962.

"We were the only kindergarten in Altona then, really, we opened one as a community aid. Now I guess there are about eight or nine kindergartens around here.

But despite the "competition", the Altona Baptist kindergarten is still popular.

"Every year we have had a full booking of 35 children, a lot of parents even wanted to book next year," she said.

However, when Miss McGowan leaves, the kindergarten will close, and that makes her retirement a double disappointment.

"There's just no one to take over, so they'll have to close it," she said.

But, switch the subject back to the children, and Miss McGowan's smile returns.

"They're like a family. With children around you can create such a happy atmosphere. When you win the friendship of a child it is real love, it's so beautiful," she said.

"In one family I taught seven children, and also in quite a few cases I have gone on to teach the children of ex-members of the kinder."

Listening, you half ex-

pect Miss McGowan to blurt out "there's no such thing as a bad child". And out it comes.

"You have to remember that children have to be naughty now and then, it's just part of growing up," she said.

"Some of them are a bit wild, but if you try to be their friend they will soon respond."

"I think that's the trouble with some of the parents, they don't listen to their children," she said.

It's only then that Miss McGowan explains that she has been teaching children for much more than 26 years.

"I first started as a Sunday school teacher in Altona in the early 1930s — I was only a teenager then," she added.

At a recent council meeting, Miss McGowan, who lives in Upton Street, Altona, received a citation from the Altona mayor, Cr. Doug Grant, for her work at the kinder.

"I got the shock of my life when I first heard I was going to get an award," she said.

"It's not just me involved in the kinder. There's the committee, the mothers and my sister, Mrs. Heather Dean — she has been a great help," she said.

Miss McGowan won't be giving up children altogether in her retirement. She'll continue to teach the youngsters at the Altona Baptist Church every Sunday.

I hear other churches have only a few tiny tots at Sunday school, but we have over 30," she said.



Miss McGowan with some of her "family" ... with the kinder soon to close no-one was in the mood for smiles.

The sad plight of the pelican

TO THE EDITOR

SIR, — The current desperate plight of pelicans, who have overbred due to past good conditions at Lake Eyre and are now desperately attempting to make the drought-stricken flight to the permanent coastal lakes of South Australia, should be of interest to Altona residents.

It underlines the importance of coastal lakes, such as Cherry Lake, for conserving our birds.

We can recall the mass of birds on the lake during the dry inland summer, several seasons back.

The intervening period has seen fewer birds using the lake and it is timely to be reminded that management of the lake should always place high priority on maintaining and improving bird habitats.

Grazing should be stopped and disturbance of birds by yachts and canoes reduced by zoning this activity to the eastern half of the lake.

And it could occur, under low-water conditions, that other activities are temporarily ceased.

It is imperative for our bird life, when under stress of inland drought, that coastal swamps are available for their spectacular invasions.

The alternative is high mortality, as witnessed now in South Australia.

From a conservation viewpoint, the lake may well fulfill its major role again this summer and management policies should be built around giving maximum assistance to our birdlife.

— Don Marsh (Maribyrnong Valley Committee).

Pensioner rents up again

SIR, — Are pensioners ever going to get a fair deal from the Housing Commission?

Five years ago our bed-sitting room unit cost us \$3.90 a week. Now we are going to have to pay \$11.95 a week because "grab-all" commission will take \$2.10 out of our \$4.40 rise.

I recently wrote to Mr. Fraser giving him a piece of my mind. The letter was forwarded to Senator Guilfoyle.

The part of her letter which annoyed me was that which read: "that each dollar a week increase in the aged rate of pension would cost us \$64 million a year."

Did the MPs think about the cost when they gave themselves a \$60 a week raise?

Isn't there someone somewhere who will stand by the pensioners help fight against these constant rent increases.

"Fed Up Pensioner", Williamstown (name and address supplied).

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Oil industry backs fest

With less than two months to Williamstown's first festival, final preparations are well under way.

The festival, to be held on the Australia Day weekend, January 27 to 30, is being well supported by local businesses and industries.

Sponsors include Mobil and PRA. The two Altona oil-refining giants have given \$1200 to stage an international concert on Sunday night.

Local hairdresser Sam Pepi of Unisex salon in Ferguson Street, gave \$750 for the fireworks display.

And estate agent Norman Bernard will sponsor a mystery character called "Jack o' the Green", with a \$250 gift.

HMAS Vampire will be berthed at Williamstown during the festival and open to the public.

Former South Australian Governor, Sir Douglas Nicholls, is one of the many VIPs attending the festival.

Festival organiser Ms. Stephanie Noel said she's confident the full programme will be released before Christmas.

Home units

Two estate agents have written to council in sup-

port of an application by Evernew Fashions for permission to build four home units at 6 Peel Street, Newport.

Managers of Norman Bernard Pty. Ltd. and I. Barlow & Son, told the council they felt sure there was a big demand for "high-quality home units in the area."

The units could only "enhance values of surrounding properties," I. Barlow & Son, wrote.

Both agents have been invited to attend the next town planning committee meeting, which has the permit under review.

Monday conference

An environment department officer will attend a conference next Monday to discuss future education facilities in the Sunshine region which includes Williamstown.

The regional director invited the council to send a representative to the conference.

More car space

The council is considering a proposal by Newport Primary School on the Elizabeth Street to reduce the nature strip front, to provide more off street parking.

A party of councillors and officers inspected the site last week and they are said to favor the idea.

The school's plan does not involve cutting down the trees on the nature strip.

20 year wait

Mr. and Mrs. K. Ringhard, of Maddox

Road, Newport, say that to their knowledge, no work has been done on the east side of Maddox Road for 20 years. Footpaths and guttering are in poor condition.

Victoria Ward councillors are to get a report.

Elm trees

Mr. A. F. Taylor, of The Avenue, Spotswood, has complained to the council about "nuisance" caused by elm trees at the east end of his street.

Mr. Taylor wrote on behalf of 13 other residents of the Avenue and nearby Hope and Forrest Streets.

The complaint was referred to the environment director for reply or report.

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Hampers

Members of the Soroptomist International Club of Cut Paw Paw (a local group of professional women) got together recently to prepare \$600 worth of Christmas hampers.

The hampers will be distributed to needy families in the western suburbs.

As a further gesture of seasonal goodwill the Soroptomists will entertain elderly citizens at an afternoon tea and Christmas party function.

They will also go on a beach drive before the Christmas party.

SPLIT OVER PHONE BOOTHS

Telecom Australia has turned down a request by Altona Council to erect a phone booth on the corner of John Street and Blackshaws Road.

Telecom told the council that a comprehensive study had been made of the area and that a public telephone in the area "would fall far short of the necessary requirements".

Telecom said that in addition to the public telephone in nearby Glade Avenue, there are also two red phones in local milk bars.

"That's all very fine," commented Cr. Bill Sommers, "but milk bars close at 8 pm. What happens if you want to make an urgent call late at night?"

Cr. Les Crofts moved that the item be made an order of the day for six months' time.

Moving an amendment, Cr. Sommers said that the existing phone booth in Glade Avenue should be moved to Blackshaws Road.

"Where it is now it is subjected to a tremendous amount of vandalism... if it was in Blackshaws Road, where there is a lot more traffic, it would be much safer," he said.

"Before we move anything I think we should have a look," responded Cr. Crofts, "... I don't believe we have received any requests to shift this phone."

talk of Altona



Cr. Sommers' amendment was defeated, six votes to two.

Thanks

The council noted several letters of thanks at its last meeting.

• The Altona RSL Memorial Club thanked the council for its \$200 gift towards the Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal for young Australians.

• The Victorian Grants Commission thanked the council for the hospitality and assistance extended to them during the recent tour of inspection of the municipality.

• And the Salvation Army "acknowledged with appreciation" the council's continuing support to the Altona Aged Persons'

Hostel and its recent \$3000 gift to the hostel's furnishing appeal.

Head lice

Altona Council has bought 100 "special" combs to deal with the problem of head lice in the area.

The chief health inspector, Mr. K. King, told the council that local school children were suffering from head lice.

The council agreed to buy the combs from the State Health Department for \$1 each and will sell them to residents for cost price.

No light

The council has rejected a plea to erect a street light near the Koorringal Golf Club gate at the end of Bell Avenue.

The plea came from 10 residents who live in a block of flats at the end of the avenue.

The residents say that they are worried about vandalism and that windows in unit four of the flat block were broken recently.

The city engineer, Mr. A. Johnson, commented that unit four fronts the golf course so that a street light at the golf course gate would have no value from a security viewpoint.

He said the flats should install security lighting themselves if they wish to prevent vandalism.

Cr. David Graham said: "If we put a light up for these flats then we will have to put one up for every block."

Blast

Cr. Les Crofts gave the Town Planning Appeal Tribunal a blast at the last meeting, after the tribunal had given a decision in FAVOR of the council.

Cr. Crofts said he was "overjoyed" with the tribunal's decision to disallow the erection of three villa units at 42 Rose Street, but he was still critical of the set-up of the tribunal.

"If we are the elected people to represent Altona, then we should have every right to make the decisions."

"The tendency of the tribunal, in my opinion, is to over-ride the decisions of local government," he said.

Holiday plan

Williamstown's summer school holidays programme will operate from four centres from January 16 to 27.

These are Spotswood, Newport and North Williamstown primary schools and the pavilion on The Esplanade.

Highlights include a visit by Clappo the clown and a mobile pottery bus based at the pavilion.

The council's recreation officer, Ms. Patsy O'Dowd, is now seeking funds from the Office of Child Care to run the programme.

More details will be released shortly.

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Newport's crossball champs

Meet Newport Primary School's champion crossball team.

The 10-girl team came first in the under-13 crossball finals of the Victorian Primary Schools athletic

championships at Olympic Park on November 24.

Newport, wearing blue skirts and gold T-shirts with a seagull emblem, beat Sandringham in a time of 1 min. 39 secs., just four seconds outside the record.

The girls, all in grade 6, each received a gold

medal for their win, the school's first in crossball.

They are: left row, from front: Daphne Yankos (captain), Annette Bonaventurczak, Violetka Ilievska, Barbara Moore and Jenny Conrad.

Right row, from front: Judy Auditori, Bambi

Lees, Ellene Lemas, Victoria Maddara and Helen Pouliopoulos.

Two of the girls also made third place in individual events at the championships. Violetka Ilievska in the open girls' shotput, and Daphne Yankos in the open girls' long jump.

Hospital honors women workers

Members of three auxiliaries of the Williamstown Hospital received long-service awards last Sunday.

They belong to the Activities club, the Women's Auxiliary and the Kalparin clubs.

The hospital's board of management introduced the awards this year to mark its gratitude to members of the auxiliaries.

Dr. J. G. H. Refshauge, board chairman, welcomed a large gathering of auxiliary members in the board room.

In the past 20 years the auxiliaries have raised \$115,000 (independent of major appeals) and given much other service to the hospital.

Dr. Refshauge noted that the awards represented a total of 560 years of service.

Mrs. Refshauge presented life governorships to the following: Mrs. N. Cronin, Mrs. L. Gullich, Mrs. J. Harris, Mrs. A. Hitches, Mrs. C. Henderson, Mrs. E. Hook, Mrs. J. Humphries, Mrs. J. Clark, Mrs. D. Joe, Mrs. E. Becroft, Mrs. G. Drewitt, Mrs. N. Murton, Mrs.

L. McInnes, Mrs. P. Riches, Mrs. L. Wallace, Mrs. P. Webster and Mrs. B. White.

Mr. L. G. Caithness, a member of the hospital's board and honorary secretary of the activities club, gave a brief history of the auxiliaries — one began in 1897.

Mrs. N. W. Maxwell, the hospital's executive director, introduced the women who received the long-service awards. They are:

20 years and over: Mrs. B. Anderson, Mrs. M. Black, Mrs. I. Caithness, Mrs. H. Harris, Mrs. O. Michael, Mrs. M. Miller, Mrs. I. Morna, Mrs. N. Parnaby, Mrs. S. Thomson, Mrs. A. Wright, Mrs. A. Precious, Mrs. L. Barclay, Mrs. F. Brown, Mrs. M. Ogilvie, Mrs. B. Smith, Miss J. Ferguson, Miss E. Hall, Miss P. Hall and Miss F. Jenkins.

15 years: Mrs. J. Bowyer, Mrs. V. Cane, Mrs. G. Skinner, Mrs. W. Woods, Mrs. I. Valentine, Mrs. A.

Union chief on assault charge

The secretary of the Painters' and Dockers' Union, John Salisbury Nicholls 56, of Giffard Street, Williamstown, has been sent for trial in the County Court on an assault charge.

Nicholls is charged with having assaulted Constable Jeremy Downes, of Victoria Dock police, on August 3 this year, causing actual bodily harm.

Mr. J. R. Knight, JP, committed him for trial when he appeared at Williamstown Court last week.

Const. Downes told the court he chased a man into the kitchen of Nicholls' house on August 3.

He was in plain clothes at the time, he said.

He said he had stopped a man (whom Nicholls said later was his stepson) in a car, in Giffard Street, for questioning.

The man ran down the street and into Nicholls' house. He followed him, Const. Downes said.

He said Nicholls went into the kitchen and lunged at him with a pitchfork.

Christmas at Holy Trinity

A special children's Christmas service will be held at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Nelson Place, Williamstown at 11 am next Sunday.

Families will join in lunch and dine together in pageant and song; gifts will be placed on the empty Christmas tree.

These will later be delivered to the sisters at the church's Mission House, in Fitzroy, for distribution to the needy.

After the service, families will gather for a barbecue in the Vicarage grounds.

A special thanksgiving for the service of women to the church will be at 10 am next Wednesday and those attending have been invited to take a basket

that day.

A carol service will be held in the church at 7 pm on Sunday, December 18, before the annual carols on the lawns at 8.30 pm.

Programmes and candles will be available for 20 cents each, with proceeds going to the Christmas bowl appeal.

Holy Communion will be at 11.30 pm on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day at 7 am, 8 am and 10 am. There will be no 11 am or evening services that day.

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Attempts to save Hobsons Bay

Williamstown conservationists believe that Hobsons Bay will become a stagnant backwater if the Melbourne Harbor Trust is allowed to dump fill in the bay to extend Webb Dock.

They are concerned that if the project goes ahead it will landlock The Strand side of Williamstown.

Next week the Environment Protection Appeals Tribunal will hear appeals by the cities of Williamstown, Port Melbourne and South Melbourne against licences recently granted to the Melbourne Harbor Trust.

Williamstown will be represented by the mayor, Cr. Simon West and Williamstown Conservation and Planning Society vice-president, Dr. Cyril Curtin.

The councils will argue that the present dock extension has created enough environmental problems. They will ask for the project to be stopped until the Webb Dock environmental study is completed.

School crossing assault charge

A 33-year-old Altona plumber has been charged with two offences after an incident at a Footscray school crossing.

Police allege the man refused to stop at a school crossing in Nicholson Street about 8.40 am, last Wednesday.

The signal to stop was given by a pensioner working as a crossing supervisor, police have been told.

When the Altona man was called on to stop he threatened to assault the pensioner, it is alleged.

Police interviewed the Altona man at Footscray police station later and he was charged with driving through a school crossing and unlawful assault.

MYLES 115 NO FOR CENTRALS

After Sunshine Heights set Centrals Cricket Club a target of 163 last week it was thought that there might be a hard task in front of us, but it was not to be the case.

After Hamon and Manning had given the team a good start of 45 through some sensible batting, Larry Myles came to the crease and gave the game a whole new outlook.

Congratulations Larry on a splendid innings, the first TON for the club.

Larry's hundred came up in quick time with 20 fours and one 3.

One chance was given when he was 67 — an easy caught and bowled — but wasn't taken, so on his merry way he went until Centrals declared at 6/232 with an hour to go.

At the end of play Sunshine Heights were 0 for 67.

Remember more practice fellows and we could be more of a complete side.

Scores: Werribee Centrals v Sunshine Heights.

Werribee Centrals 1st innings: P. Hamon 1bw Collins 23, R. Manning c Collins 21, A. Parker b Collins 13, L. Myles no 115, P. Bonning c G. Socic 46, T. Osbourne c Hall 6, R. McFarlane c Hall 1. Sundries 7, Total 232.

Fall of wickets: 1-45, 2-45, 3-116, 4-212, 5-227, 6-232.

Bowling: C. Hall 10, 1, 5, 2, H. Burton 11, 2, 25, M. Collins 10, 66, 3, P. Muller 3, 31, G. Socic 1, 1.

Christmas pantomime

Looking for a cheap and entertaining Christmas night out? How about a pantomime?

There's one starting at the Altona Civic Centre next Tuesday night.

It's the Altona Drama Group's annual pantomime. This year, they're doing "Jack and the Beanstalk" which had a successful season at Monash two years ago.

Written by Pinn and Batty, authors of the Australian classic "A Bush of Rabbits" and starring nine members of the Altona Drama Group, the show will run for four nights from December 13 to 16, starting at 8 pm.

For tickets ring 398 5038 or call at Manings Music Store, Queen Street, Altona. Tickets are adults \$2 and children \$1 and there's a discount for pensioners.

Newport meet

Members of the Anti-Newport Co-ordinating Committee will meet tonight (Wednesday) at the Meat Workers' Union rooms in the Trades Hall, at 7.30 pm.

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Promises betrayed says Barry Jones

A total of 4508 people were registered as unemployed in Sunshine and St. Albans in October, Labor candidate for Lalor, Mr. Barry Jones said this week.

"The Fraser Government has betrayed its promise to manage the economy successfully," he said.

Mr. Jones said fear of a further economic downturn in 1978 had forced the Fraser Government to an early election — "the fourth national election since 1972".

He said about 2000 small businesses have closed since Fraser came to power.

Mr. Jones continued: "The main prospect for future job creation appears to rest not so much with farming and mining (primary industry) manufacturing (secondary industry) or services (such as transport and public utilities) but with the provision of information."

He said: "In the US it is clear that the information industry employs more people than the primary, secondary and tertiary sectors combined. This includes workers in education, research, the media, public service, community welfare and postal and telephone services."

Decline

With 200,000 school leavers competing for jobs at the end of 1977, the seasonal peak of unemployment in January-February, 1978, was estimated to reach between 425,000 and 480,000, he added.

He said that with seven or eight per cent of the workforce unemployed, a 1978 election would have meant disaster for the Liberals and their National Country Party allies.

"Much unemployment is caused by the decline in Australia's manufacturing industry," he added.

"This is particularly serious in the Lalor electorate."

"Throughout Australia, about 20 per cent of the total work force is employed in the manufacturing (or secondary industry)."

In Lalor, about 50 per cent of the work force is employed in factories.

"Lalor has large numbers of migrants, women and youths in the workforce and all three groups are heavily hit by unemployment," Mr. Jones said.

"The Liberals have

Altona Scouts win Queen's badges

Venturers Patrick Mackey and David Griffiths received their Queen's Scout badges from Commissioner Tom Purves during a presentation night at the 3rd Altona Scout Hall.

Cr. Les Crofts, presenting the Altona mayor, presented the Scouts with certificates of merit from the Altona City Council.

Mrs. June Crofts, Cr. and Mrs. Steve Clement were also there.

Patrick and David have joined the 3rd Altona Rover Crew bringing the total number of Queen's Scouts to 10 out of 14 members.

During the presentation evening, slides were shown depicting their progress through Cubs, Scouts and Venturers.

After the slides the Cub

pack entertained guests with a circus act complete with a strong man, clowns and animals, including elephants.

The Scouts staged a hill-billy band sing-a-long and the Venturers organised a guessing game with a twist. The twist was a face full of shaving cream for Venturer leader Kevin Smith.

In a skit by the Rovers, leader Ron Griffiths played the part of a politician making his election speech while the rest of the crew harassed him with questions.

Cubs

The Altona Bird-watchers' Society, led by Mr. Vic Matthews, provided the Cubs with an educational evening recently.

Slides and films of various birds found in the Altona district were shown, and a bag of sweets was presented to each Cub by Vic's granddaughter Jodie.

The Cubs recently staged their circus act during a visit to the Westhaven Home for the Aged in Paisley Street, Footscray, Cub leader Dot Bunting and Mrs. Pauline Williams (who sewed the costumes) deserve credit for the performance.

Tree expert speaks

Williamstown councillors showed interest in a talk by CSIRO forestry expert Dr. John French at the Williamstown Conservation and Planning Society's annual dinner dance.

One councillor took Dr. French along to Thompson Street which is undergoing reconstruction.

The visitor said the street was ideal for tree planting similar to that involved in street narrowing schemes in South Melbourne.

Addressing guests at the annual dinner dance, Dr. French said urban forestry involved more than "just planting trees in streets".

He said proper execution of urban forestry required the co-operation of landscape gardening, municipal engineering, town planning and forestry.

In parts of the United States trees had indirectly helped to lift property values by 27 per cent, he said.

Moving a vote of thanks for the speaker, Williamstown MLA, Mr. Gordon Stirling, drew attention to problems in Williamstown caused by the presence of "single purpose authorities" like the SEC and the Melbourne Harbor Trust, which he said seemed to act as a "law unto themselves".

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RAMSAY, Mary Ann. Died 10/12/69.
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RAMSAY, Mary Ann. Passed away 10/12/69.
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WARD, Walter. — In loving memory of dear dad, who passed away Dec. 5, 1969.
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DEATHS

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Grants for ethnic groups

Ethnic groups have been invited to apply to the State Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs for grants.

Mr. Walter Jona, the Minister, issued the invitation last week.

He said projects designed to promote community integration, migrant services and ethnic organisation would be considered.

He said the applications would also help him plan his department's future.

"Although the funds at present are limited, my department is most anxious to ensure that all organisations have an equal opportunity to be considered," he said.

Mr. Joan announced that a display space is available at the Ministry's offices to be used by groups.

The Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs is at 232 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne, phone 419 6700.

Pack of youths kick, bash man

A pack of about 15 youths bashed and kicked a Werribee man at Footscray Park, Ballarat Road, early last Monday morning, police have been told.

The apparent motive for the attack was robbery, police say, but nothing was stolen from the man.

Mr. Stephen Mayne, male nurse, of Huntingfield Drive, Werribee said he stopped his car outside the park about 1.30 am to go to public toilets there.

As he walked toward the toilet he heard a youth say "Get him boys" and a pack of about 15 youths attacked him, he told police.

He was hit from behind on the right ear and knocked to the ground, Mr. Mayne told police.

He was repeatedly kicked in the head and body and told police he heard some-one yell, "Get his money, get his money" but was not robbed.

He was held down, half-stunned for some time and eventually released.

He staggered back to his car and drove to Footscray police station.

Mr. Mayne said he gave the youths no provocation, did not know them and did not speak to them.

As a result of the attack he received a broken nose and extensive bruising to the head and body.

Mr. Mayne told police as he returned to his car he looked back and saw the youths were still in the vicinity of the toilet block.

But when police went immediately to the area they found no-one.

Senior-Detective Damian Lebane, of Footscray CIB is heading the investigation.

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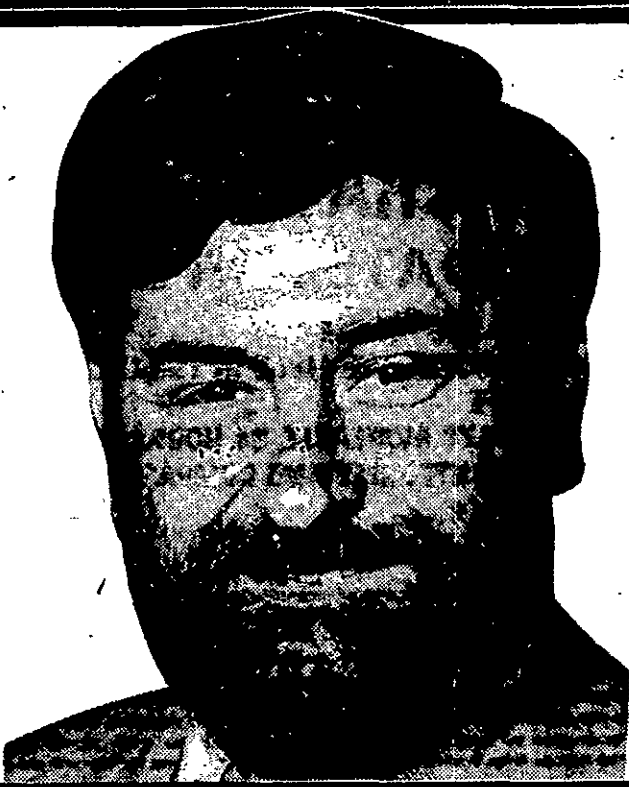
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Maidstone in the grand final

Maidstone moved into the grand final when they beat Lords in the second semi of the western suburbs table tennis final last week.

Maidstone won 3-2, while in the first semi-final Albert Park also had a tough battle before beating Footscray 3-2.

The WSTA has three teams in the grand finals of the summer pennant competition, which will be held tonight (Wednesday). The teams are:

A2: Steve Slattery, Lindsay Loone, John Scott.

B1: Jason Warland, Wol Borkut, Paul Miles.

E8: Jeff Tait, Scott Knight, Peter Neddelj-kovic.

Other results:
A RESERVE (Round

10): Newport d Seagulls 9-2; Meadows d Altona Youth Club 9-2; Closures d Hick Timbers 7-4.

B GRADE: Honeywell d Altona 7-4; Hoechst SC d Altona West 9-2; Maidstone 1 v Seaweed City N/R.

C1 GRADE: Sunshine d Altona Youth Club 8-3; Williamstown d Ordinance 9-2; Kealba d Yarraville W/O.

C2 GRADE: Nth. Footscray FC d Hick Timbers 7-4; Kensington Panthers d Brunswick Rebels W/O; Footscray Town Hall d Spotswood Stars W/O.

D1 GRADE: Wil-

liamstown Jacksons d Footscray Town Hall 6-5; Ordinance d ASR 10-1; Hoechst SC d Seddon CC 9-2.

D2 GRADE: AGM d Altona Youth Club 7-4; Kingsville-Yarraville YC d AYC Celts 9-2; South Melbourne d SWAD 10-1.

D3 GRADE: Kingsville-Yarraville YC d Gellibrand 6-5; Laver-ton TRI YC d Altona Hockey 9-2; Ordinance v Spotswood N/R.

E GRADE: St. Albans d Magpies 11-0; Altona North v Williamstown N/R-3; Altona Youth Club d Altona West Libras W/O.

Gull batsmen miss target

Williamstown cricketers fell 16 short of their target on Saturday to match Kew's first innings total of 196.

At the closing stages of the match, Willi added 20 runs before Andy Davis ran himself out — 9 for 176 — still needing a further 20 runs to catch up.

But Laurie Hewet, who joined Ferris, managed only four runs and Ferris was caught out from behind by Hughes.

Scoreboard: Williams-town: Phillip McTaggart, b Brian Simpson, 11; Bill Fowler, c Simpson, b Steve Whitelaw, 64; John Dalton, b John Doyle, 4; Barry Watson, run out, 5; Shane O'Brien, st Gareth

Hughes, b Steve Whitelaw, 9; Peter McNish, lbw, b Whitelaw, 17; Barry McConnell, c/b Simpson, 5; Greg Tweedley, run out, 15; Andrew Davies, run out, 19; Laurie Hewet, not out 3; Tom Ferris, c Hughes, b Simpson, 11; sundries, 17; total 180.

Kew bowlers: Steve Whitelaw, 9 over, 3/31; Brian Simpson, 23.5 overs 3/67; John Doyle, 14 overs 1/32.

SECONDS

Kew passed the Williamstown score and then declared 6/172. Williams-town bowlers: Jim Hallett eight overs 2/37, Chris Honeyman eight overs 1/37, "Chook" Fowler 11 overs 3/35.

Williamstown second innings, 8/130 at stumps. Billy Marr making another

nice hand at 32, Jim Hallett 57 not out, Peter Thatcher, 17, being the other bat to get double figures.

THIRDS

Williamstown made 141 runs. The not-out player, Glen Holder finished with 17. Les Twentyman made 12.

Essendon batted and made 129 runs. Les Twentyman took 5/54 from 12.5 overs, Trevor

Smith 2/29 off seven overs, Gary Sturrock 1/5 off six overs, Andy Gibson 1/35 from eight overs.

The thirds battled chasing 118 for full points, but they made only 7/62 at 6 pm. Andy Gibson 17, Rob-Glen Holder finished with 17. Les Twentyman made 13 each.

Williamstown will meet a good side, Balwyn, at home for the Christmas match which starts on Saturday.

Willi little athletics

Results of the Williamstown Little Athletics meeting last Saturday:

BOYS

UNDER-8. — 100-m: J. Gammon (NS), 17.5. 400-m: C. Stoehr (NS), 1.25.3. Discus: R. Stafford (Spots.), 11.87. High jump: R. Hughes, 95 cm.

UNDER-9. — 100-m: M. Farrar (SH), 16.0. 400-m: K. McHale (WP), 1.21.1. Discus: R. James (YIW), 17.61. High jump: M. Farrar (SH), 1.02.

UNDER-10. — 100-m: M. Martyn (SH), 15.9. 400-m: M. Martyn (SH), 1.14.9. High jump: M. Martyn (SH), 1.07. Discus:

S. Cochrane (YIW), 20.30. UNDER 11. — 200-m: R. Ward (TS), 32.8. 400-m: B. Hose (NS), 1.20.1. 100-m Hurdles: M. Allison (SH), 17.8.

UNDER-12. — 200-m: D. Steahr (NS), 31.6. 400-m: D. Steahr, 1.11.6; 100-m Hurdles: D. Steahr (NS), 16.9.

GIRLS

UNDER-8. — 70-m: C. Barnett (NS), 12.6. 100-m: C. Barnett (NS), 18.2. 200-m: K. Brien (WP), 39.2. Long jump: K. Brien (WP), 2.95.

UNDER-9. — 70-m: C. Richards (Spots.), 12.3. 100-m: C. Richards (Spots.), 17.2. 200-m: C. Richards (Spots.), 37.1. Long jump: C. Richards (Spots.), 3.07.

UNDER-10. — 70-m: M. Teleki (WP), 11.0. 100-m: M. Teleki (WP), 34.6. Long jump: J. Sanderson, 3.57.

UNDER-11. — 70-m: A. Falduto (SH), 11.4. 100-m Hurdles: J. Fellows (NS), 18.8. 1500-m Walk:

A. Teleki (WP), 10:52.3. Long jump: J. Christakis (YW), 3.49.

UNDER-12. — 70-m: L. Norton (Spots.), 10.1. 100-

m Hurdles: L. Norton (Spots.), 16.9. 1500-m Walk: K. Johnson (YW), 9:47.6. Long jump: D. Yankos (YW), 3.97.

North goes down in first knock

Altona North's cricket team went down on the first innings at the weekend to a stronger Melton side.

The situation looked bright for North at one stage, when their bowlers worked hard on the placid Melton wicket to have the opposition at 7/83.

But an eighth wicket partnership took Melton to victory.

Altona North 124 and 0/18; Melton 220 (H. Hart 5/48, B. Park 2/23).

The Altona North second XI defeated Mel-

ton outright.

Altona North 212; Mel-ton 95 (D. Price 5/34, S. Hatt 4/21) and 104 (D. Price 2/10, S. Hatt 2/17, C. Harris 3/47, M. Outen 3/6).

Altona North thirds went down to Youlden-Parkville.

Altona North 96 (G. Read 32, G. Spicer 33) and 4/80 (G. Read 25, S. Stewart 23); Youlden-Park-

ville 170 and 8/49 dec. (R. Mathieson 5/22).

The Altona North fourth XI were defeated by Brunswick District on the first innings.

Altona North 72; Brunswick District 90 (R. Flat-herty 5/32, A. Frydas 4/31).

Altona North juniors 5/162 dec. drew with St. Paul's 8/143 (Palatsides 3/36, Mather 2/49).

Koorringal golf

Results from last Tuesday's play at Koorringal Golf Club:

Stroke. — A grade, J. Parkinson (12), 72 nett; B grade, M. Walker (21), 72 nett on count-back from E. Walker; C grade, L. Barnett (34), 71 nett.

ANA down Newport

Newport ANA Cricket Club's first XI defeated neighbors, Newport on the first innings, when the match finished at the weekend.

Resuming at 4/66 in reply to the opposition's 103, ANA began slowly.

But when they reached the Newport total they threw the bat in a bid for quick runs and finished with 156.

Main run-getters were Jeff Askew with 39, coach Horsburgh with 24, Ronald McDonald 19, and young Brett McTaggart with 15.

After Horsburgh took an early wicket Newport batsmen took control and compiled 4/202.

"Bubbles" Bamford headed Newport's scoring with an unbeaten 70. Wickets were taken for

ANA by Askew 2/43, and Knight 1/15.

In the next match ANA will be looking to avenge their earlier defeat by Seddon.

The ANA Second XI recorded their second win for the season, against Seddon.

Seddon were dismissed for 145 in reply to ANA's 216.

Top ANA bowlers were "Ace" Collins 4/31, and new recruit Stuart Vines 3/45.

After their impressive form, captain Frank Upward is expecting big things from his young team in future matches.

Colts declared at 7/172 in reply to ANA Juniors' 100. Top bowler was Paul Hughes, with 4/48.

In their second dig ANA lost several quick wickets until a 63 partnership by Hrgovic and 11-year-old David Elliott saved the day. The total score was 107, topped by Hrgovic's excellent 52.

The club has a bingo night at Williamstown Technical School hall at 7.30 each Tuesday.

Associates' results

J. Parkinson won the Koorringal Golf Club associates' A grade competition last week with a net score of 72. Her handicap is 13.

B grade was won by M. Walker (21) 72 nett and C grade by L. Barnett (34) on 71.

Bowling results

May Cherry, president of the Newport Associates Bowling Club welcomed 100 women bowlers to a lunch on president's day, November 30.

A successful tournament was held, with the winning honors going to Pat Luke (S), Lil Weedon, L. Liebert, E. Moran.

Runner-up trophy: Ann Sutherland, Marjorie McEaren, Sylvia Blanche, P. Pride. Novelty prizes to

Edna Wooten, Joan Crockett.

Pennant results: B1 beat Keilor 101/75; B2 lost to Footscray Park 82/89; C1 lost to Maribyrnong Park 76/98; C3 beat Keilor 100/88.

ALTONA

Altona lost to Newport by 47 shots — 66-113. Altona A reserves had a 19 shot win over Williams-town 93-74.

Best rink skippered by Noel Grant with B. Nicholls, D. Watters and L. Spackman 26-16. B side lost to Preston by 73 to 117.

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A2 beat Altona 113-66; Reserves, 2 lost to Keilor 79-104, B2 beat Buckley Park, 3 102-100; B2 lost to Werribee 4 82-127; B3 lost to Sunshine, 3 73-96; B5 beat Buckley Park, 5 116-76; B5 lost to Glenroy 6 70-127; B6 lost to Rosamond, 3 71-90.

Best rinks: Away, A. Goldsmith (S), W. Dey, J. Ferris, R. Fogarty, Home B. Livingstone (S), B. King, W. Keating, T. Cullen.

AWMC

A4 lost to ICI Deer Park 97 to 100. Best rink: B. Yates (S), B. Bruce, T. Yates, C. Stanley. Reserves lost to Sun-

Central tennis competition

The Williamstown Central Tennis Club competition results for last week are listed below:

Senior pennant: Section 4 d. Deer Park 44-34 (J. Newton - B. Fletcher 6-0, B. O'Toole-B. Fletcher 6-1).

Section 6 lost to Deer Park 33-48 (M. Charles-L. D'Altera 6-3, E. Szy-szka-M. Charles 6-3).

Section 8 lost to Deer Park 30-52 (V. Connell-V. Carling 6-4, D. Phefley-V. Carling 5-6).

Section 11 lost to Diggers 25-52 (G. King - S. Scholten 6-4).

Junior pennant: Section 1 boys d. Yarraville 26-18 (D. Livermore-L. King 7-1, 7-4; M. Livermore-B. Young 7-6).

Section 4 boys lost to Brooklyn 2-28. Section 5 girls d. Yarraville 23-13 (P. Featherston - C. Stewart 7-0; S. King - J. Stewart 7-2).

Section 8 girls d/ Rosamond 25-13 (K. Mazouris-J. O'Toole 7-1, S. Shaw-M. Soppitt 7-2).

Mid-week women's pennant: Section 1 d. Werribee Park 56-32 (C. Fewster-N. Scott 6-0, C. Fewster-B. O'Toole 6-1, C. Fewster-J. Murdoch 6-1).

Section 5 d. Altona 2 53-35 (B. Forster - V. Connell 6-0, V. Connell - B. Drewitt 6-1, B. Drewitt-B. Forster 6-1).

Baseball win to Willi.

Williamstown's senior baseball side had a good win over St. Kilda at the weekend, with the final scores at 8-2.

Williamstown's tally included three home runs — one from Des Sturrock in the ninth innings — to break an even game.

Williamstown played an errorless, workmanlike game.

Hits: D. Sturrock 3 (including home run), L. Treadwell 2 (including home run), N. Pedretti, G. Parnaby, L. Flower, Best: D. Sturrock, L. Treadwell.

Williamstown's second nine played a good-standard game to draw 10-all with St. Kilda.

The lead see-sawed throughout the game, but went down 19-1.

Best: R. Morrow, P. Taggart.

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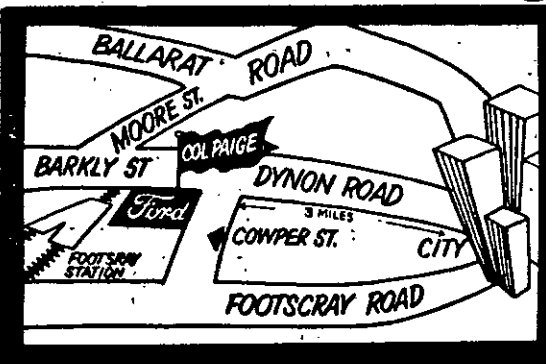
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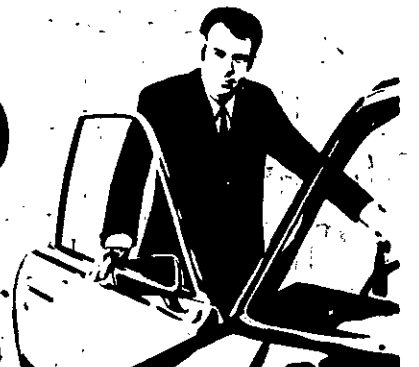
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